

FRAGA FAMILY NEWSLETTER Spring/Summer 2022

WEDDING BELLS

Katie Fraga (Terry & Debbie) and Nate Huezinga are engaged. Their wedding will be in April of 2023.

ROCK-A-BYE BABIES

Jessica (Terry & Debbie) & Josh Lovelace's baby girl, Isabella, was born on June 4, 2021.

Caitlin & Bill Radjewski welcomed their 3rd daughter, Alexandra Leanne, on April 23, 2022. She weighed 8lbs. 15 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Sisters Gemma & Marie will be good helpers.

Natalie (Adrienne's daughter) & Ryan Johnston are expecting their second child in September. Cameron will be a big sister. They're not finding out the sex, so it'll be a surprise!

Veronica (Dennis & Karen) & Adam Jock are looking forward to the birth of their first child this June.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Isabella Honeycutt (Lana & Nick's daughter and Vicky & Rich's granddaughter) will be graduating from Trenton High School June 3.

Natalie's (Elaina) youngest daughter, Breanna Spanski, has gone back to school to study Criminology at UNCW University on North Carolina's Wilmington Campus. She currently is maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Her family is very proud of that achievement!

NEW HOMES

Natalie & James Milliken (Elaina's daughter & son in law) purchased a new house in Sunset Beach, NC. They closed on the sale April 6th, 2022.

JOB NEWS

Frances Torres (Carmen & Gary) has become an authorized New Jersey Insurance Producer.

GOOD NEWS

Karen Joyce has had her Leader Dog Daisy for 1 1/2 years now and loves the independence she now has.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tobi Felhandler (Alicia & Brian's daughter) celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on May 21st. This service is a rite of passage that signifies the shift from childhood into adult Jewish life and ushers in the responsibility of becoming an active member of the Jewish community. In preparation for this day, Tobi worked for months with a non-profit organization, JARC, which serves adults with special needs. Her volunteer work included art activities, games, and a FUNraiser in which she raised over \$800 for 4 ladies in the JARC community.``

SPECIAL FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Danny and Delores celebrated their 60th anniversary in April at a nearby hotel with their children, all their grandchildren, and their great granddaughter — 18 people in all! They had a wonderful family time, playing games & taking pictures and are so thankful to their children for arranging this celebration. They feel very blessed!

Natalie & James Milliken celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on May 14th and James had a milestone birthday (55) on Sept. 22.

TRAVEL NEWS

Karen and Joyce Joyce have a trip planned to Berlin, Prague and a river cruise on the Elb River. Hopefully the extended trip to Warsaw and Krakow will not be cancelled. This trip was to have been in May of 2020 but was cancelled due to Covid.

Uncle Dan wrote: A group of cousins spent a wonderful week in Mexico in mid April. The first couple of days were in Mexico City with Dean, Tea, and Greg. Granddaughter Nicole caught up with us in time for a wonderful dinner with Ricardo Cedeno and his family. We then traveled to Morelia where we caught up with Len. We met up with our cousin Laura Solis Chavez and Jose Mendoza Lara who organized several great events where we were able to meet many of our relatives and enjoy some wonderful meals. They also arranged to take us to the area of Cotzurio where my Dad & Mother were raised and then to a neighboring village where we met more relatives and had a wonderful meal of homemade enchiladas. The group came home with many wonderful memories of the family they have met in Mexico.

NEWS FROM LEN

- **Team Fraga Family Website Committee** would like to thank all those who helped, donated and took part in our recent fundraising drive. With your amazing support <https://thefragafamily.com/supporters-website-fundaiser/> we were able to raise enough funds to cover operating and maintenance costs until at least 2024! And we will be able to add a feature or two to increase our ability to do functions you would like to see on our website. Stay tuned in the near future for our outreach asking all of you what you would find most

useful as part of our website

- **Trip to Morelia/Michoacán October 2022** - There's still time and room to join us as we reconnect with our very welcoming family there! Much more information is on our website <https://thefragafamily.com/morelia-trip-october-2022/> There is nothing like visiting a country where you know family there. A large family gathering is planned while we're there for all of us to meet each other. And we'll be taking a sure to be memorable tour of the ofrendas in the cemeteries around Pátzcuaro and Tzintzuntzan. Contact Len soon if you'd like to join us or want to know more specifics.
- **H-F-Ch Projects** - with our renewed connections with family in Morelia, there are a number of projects we're working on together. Some of the projects are: 1) a comprehensive genealogy of the Fraga Family and other branches like the Herrejóns, the Chávez's and many more, 2) **Michoacán to Michigan** now has Spanish subtitles (thanks to the teamwork of our cousin **Alejandra Galvez** and **Julie Brazen**) and will be shown to audiences in Mexico telling our Grandparents' incredible story. By the way, **M to M** was also shown to a large group of our relatives in Morelia who truly enjoyed and appreciated learning more about Martina/Valeriano's story. There is a section on our website **FAMILY - MEXICO** <https://thefragafamily.com/family-mexico/> with information and photos and much more to come 3) a virtual exhibition of our cousin, Ed Fraga's art at a joint arts festival in Morelia and Camargo, Chihuahua 4) our trip to Morelia this coming October 5) exploring an academic exchange program and more...
- **Family Communications** - Many thanks to **Jacqueline Anthus** who helped create an *Instagram* account for our family [fragafamily.1919](https://www.instagram.com/fragafamily.1919) I encourage you to check it out! I really don't have much of a clue how to use it. If anyone out there wants to help work on this with me, please contact me.

FRAGA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 50 people attended the Christmas party. (Covid was still hanging around, so there were less people who attended.) But, as always, the kids had fun with the pinatas!

FRAGA FAMILY PICNIC

The family picnic will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022. The Jess & Pauline Fraga families will be our hosts. (See attached flyer.) It will be at Raintree Park in Troy (off of John R between 16 & 17 Mile). Please bring a dish to pass, BYOB (no glass bottles), your own paper products, silverware, and serving utensils. (If Covid is still hanging around, you may choose to bring your own food.) Hope to see you there.

Thanks for sending your news.

Love,
Cathy